



**Request for City Council Committee Action
Health Department**

Date: April 28, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR
THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE PUBLIC HEALTH
ACCREDITATION

Recommendation:

Receive and file the presentation on public health accreditation and approve a resolution supporting the Health Department in seeking national public health accreditation.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable ____

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health
Margaret Schuster, Accreditation Coordinator

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Minneapolis Health Department has taken steps to pursue voluntary national public health accreditation. A presentation about the process and benefits of accreditation and highlighting efforts taken to this point by the Minneapolis Health Department provide background and supporting information for the resolution set before the City Council. The resolution, if approved, is submitted along with the department's formal application for accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Information in the resolution references the three core functions of public health and the ten Essential Public Health Services as detailed below:

Three Core Functions of Public Health (Institute of Medicine, 1988)

The **core functions** of public health agencies that must be carried out at all levels of government for the overall public health system to function effectively include:

- **Assessment:** regular, systematic collection, assembly, analysis and distribution of information on the health of the community, including statistics on health status, community health needs, and epidemiological and other studies of health problems;
- **Policy development:** using the scientific knowledge base in decision-making about public health and taking a strategic approach to leadership for public health policy with a positive appreciation for the democratic political process;
- **Assurance:** engaging policy-makers and the public in determining those services that will be guaranteed to every member of the community, and making services necessary to achieve agreed-upon goals available by encouraging action by public and private entities, implementing regulatory requirements, or directly providing services.

Ten Essential Public Health Services

The **Essential Public Health Services** provide the fundamental framework for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standards and Measures, by describing the public health activities that should be undertaken in all communities.

The Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee developed the framework for the Essential Services in 1994. This steering committee included representatives from US Public Health Service agencies and other major public health organizations.

The Essential Services provide a working definition of public health and a guiding framework for the responsibilities of local public health systems.

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems